

PART I  
GENERAL PROVISIONS

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Definitions

1. For the purposes of this Agreement,
  - (a) "Government of Canada" means the Government in its capacity as representative of Her Majesty the Queen in right of Canada and represented by the Minister of National Health and Welfare;
  - (b) "legislation" means the laws and regulations specified in Article II;
  - (c) "competent authority" means, as regards Canada, the Minister or Ministers responsible for the administration of the legislation of Canada; and, as regards Ireland, the Minister for Social Welfare;
  - (d) "reckonable period" means a period of contributions or residence used to acquire the right to a benefit under the legislation of either Party; as regards Canada, it also means a period during which a disability pension is payable under the Canada Pension Plan; and, as regards Ireland, it also means a period in respect of which contributions have been treated as paid or credited or a period in respect of which contributions would have been paid but for the operation of the earnings ceiling;
  - (e) "benefit" means, as regards Canada, any cash benefit, pension or allowance for which provision is made in the legislation of Canada; and, as regards Ireland, any benefit under the legislation of Ireland specified in subparagraph 1(b) of Article II; and, as regards either Party, unless otherwise provided in this Agreement, includes any increase or additional allowance applicable to a benefit;